

POINTS TO MURDER

TERRIBLE TRAGEDY ON DOUGLASS AVENUE BRIDGE AT MIDNIGHT

Blood Dripping Off the Rails of the Bridge into the Swift Current Below—Big Rock Found on the Scene with Woman's Hair Sticking to It—Two Large Pools of Blood on the Footway—Police Running the Case Down with a Very Strong Suspicion—River to be Drugged This Morning.

Undoubtedly there was a terrible murder committed on the Douglas avenue bridge at midnight last night. Shortly after midnight a young man named Coleman was seen crossing the bridge and when he was about over the middle of the river where the current was the swiftest he noticed a pool of blood as big around as a table plate and beside it a big rock or heavy coal.

The young man ran as hard as he could to the police station and reported what he had seen. Officer Dunbar was detailed at once and he went to the scene.

He brought the rock to the police station and on examination it was found to be a piece of iron. It was covered with fresh human blood and the long auburn hair of a woman.

At 1 o'clock this morning a reporter for the Eagle went to the scene and examined it. The blood was found on the south footway of the bridge and about half way from the center of the bridge to the channel of the river where the current ran very heavy.

It seemed that at least a half pint of blood was split in two big blotches on the north and the other on the south side of the footway.

Some one suggested that a dog may have been killed with the rock and on the first thought that seemed reasonable, but it was soon proven erroneous. If it had been a dog the blood would be on a trail, but in this case there was not a spot either foot east or west of where the deed was committed. Then again no animal has hair two feet long as the hair clinging to that rock fully measured.

A match was lighted and a further examination made. The footway of the bridge is guarded by three iron rail shows. The top rail showed a good deal of blood which was still dripping.

On the board floor there was a pool of blood and a piece of hair which was caused evidently from the wound while the party wounded was being hoisted over the railing into the flood below.

The blow was struck on the north side of the footway where it fell forming the pool of blood. Then there were signs of it being dragged across the footway, three feet wide to the south side where another pool of blood formed, and then lifted over the iron rails. Not a drop of blood is on any other part of the bridge but that.

On the outside of the footway there is another pool of blood which proves beyond doubt that the wounded person was thrown into the river.

HAS HER LIFE PROLONGED.
Officer Carpenter Prevents a Lady Succeeding in the Arkansas River.

Mrs. Dewing residing on North Main street left her home early this morning and was seen going toward the Arkansas river. As she was only attired in her night robe and barefooted, she attracted the attention of Officer Carpenter, who happened along on his beat just in time to get a glimpse of the lady in white. Carpenter hastened to her footstep and overtook her. The lady persuaded her to accompany him to her home. Mrs. Dewing has been in rather poor health for some time and she was found to be laboring under a severe mental strain, and no doubt was bent on suiciding as she informed the officer that she wanted to kill herself.

HE IS BACK AGAIN.
County Commissioner Harmon is Back from the Mountains.

Rev. N. E. Harmon, County commissioner, returned yesterday from the mountains where he has been for the past two weeks accompanied by his wife and his colleague County Commissioner Welch. Mr. Harmon has not come back so soon but his presence was required here tomorrow in making the county levy, that being the day set by law.

Mr. Harmon was delighted with his trip and grows eloquent in his descriptions of the mountain scenery. He visited all the peaks and canyons with the exception of Pikes Peak and he could not stand a trip to that high altitude.

He says the electrical displays, during a storm, are simply grand to look down upon from above the clouds. Among the Wichita people at the springs while he was there were Misses Leida Mills, Jesse Clark, Louise and Mary Rouse, Flora McGee and Eva and Anna Mason. They were accompanied by Professor Smith of the High school.

They all started one evening to climb Pikes Peak. Mr. Mills was the first to reach the summit. Mary Rouse, Miss Clarke and Miss McGee had to give up the trip before they were half way up the side of the mountain.

Mr. Webb will return today. He was ready to come back with Mr. Harmon but at the last moment he decided to go out to look at a gold mine with Judge Skidmore of Columbus.

HE SEES TWO MORE.
Executors of the Will of Eleanor Roy Sued by Matthews.

Yesterday L. L. Matthews commenced another suit in the district court this time against T. W. Hankinson and E. A. Doran, alleging damages to the amount of \$500. He claims that Hankinson and Doran had his livey stable attached and kept it out of his hands for sixteen days, thus causing a loss of \$500 which he seeks to recover.

COMES BACK AT HIM.
Ida Hart Answers Petition of Her Husband in Court.

Yesterday Mrs. Ida Hart, wife of O. E. Hart, who instituted proceedings a few days ago against her for a divorce, filed her answer through her attorneys Haymaker & Holmes. He is asking for a divorce on the ground that she was intimate with one Link Pitt of Sunnyside. In her answer she alleges cruelty on his part and insane jealousy. That he had called her all kinds of vile names and that before they were married ten days he accused her of intimacy with other men. She also alleges that he had acquired her consent to a bill of sale to about \$1,000 worth of personal property on the promise that he would give her half the money derived from it.

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